

CITY OF WINTHROP
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

For the Period
July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

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Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Gerald Dennie	Mayor	January 2022
Melissa Hesner	Council Member	January 2022
Mark Kress	Council Member	January 2022
Ann Myers	Council Member	January 2024
Lee White	Council Member	January 2024
Brian Kelcher	Council Member	January 2024
Mary Ryan	City Clerk/ Treasurer	Indefinite
James Peters	Attorney	Indefinite

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council:

I have performed the procedures enumerated below which were established pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa enacted by the Iowa Legislature to provide oversight of certain Iowa cities. Accordingly, I have applied certain tests and procedures to selected accounting records and related information of the City of Winthrop for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The City of Winthrop's management, which agreed to the performance of the procedures performed, is responsible for the City's records.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards for attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures I performed are summarized as follows:

1. I reviewed selected City Council meeting minutes for compliance with Chapters 21, 372.13(6) and 380 of the Code of Iowa.
2. I reviewed the City's internal controls to determine if proper control procedures are in place and incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee.
3. I reviewed security bond coverage for compliance with Chapter 64 of the Code of Iowa.
4. I obtained and reviewed the City Clerk's financial reports and selected bank reconciliations to determine whether the bank balances properly reconciled to the general ledger account balances and monthly financial reports provided to the City Council.
5. I reviewed City funds for consistency with the City Finance Committee's recommended Uniform Chart of Accounts (COA) and to determine required funds and fund balances are properly maintained and accurately accounted for.
6. I reviewed the City's fiscal year 2020 Annual Financial Report (AFR) to determine whether it was completed and accurately reflects the City's financial information.
7. I reviewed compliance with Chapters 12C.2, 12B.10B and 556.1(12) of the Code of Iowa pertaining to required depository resolutions, investment policy and reporting of unclaimed property of the State of Iowa.
8. I reviewed debt, which was comprised of revenue bonds/notes, and related transactions for proper authorization and compliance with Chapters 75, 384 and 403.9 of the Code of Iowa and to determine whether the debt and related proceeds and repayments were properly accounted for.
9. The City had no tax increment financing (TIF) transactions.

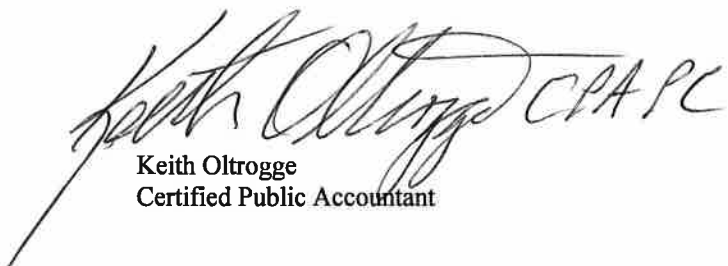
10. I reviewed and tested selected receipts for accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA.
11. I reviewed voter approved levies for proper authorization in accordance with Chapter 384.12 of the Code of Iowa.
12. I reviewed and tested selected disbursements for proper approval, adequate supporting documentation, accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA and compliance with the public purpose criteria established by Article III, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.
13. I reviewed transfers between funds for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
14. I reviewed and tested selected payroll and related transactions for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
15. I reviewed the annual certified budget for proper authorization, certification and timely amendment.

Based on the performance of the procedures described above, I identified various recommendations for the City. My recommendations are described in the Detailed Recommendations section of this report. Unless reported in the Detailed Recommendations, items of non-compliance were not noted during the performance of the specific procedures listed above.

These agreed-upon procedures do not constitute an audit of financial statements or any part thereof, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements, or a part thereof. Had I performed additional procedures, or had I performed an audit of the City of Winthrop, additional matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Winthrop and other parties to whom the City of Winthrop may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to me by personnel of the City of Winthrop during the course of my agreed-upon procedures. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, I shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



Keith Oltrogge
Certified Public Accountant

December 21, 2020

Detailed Recommendations

City of Winthrop

Detailed Recommendations

For the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

- (A) Segregation of Duties – One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. Generally, one individual has control over each of the following areas for the City:

- 1) Receipts – opening mail, collecting, depositing, journalizing, reconciling and posting.
- 2) Disbursements – purchasing, invoice processing, check writing, mailing, reconciling and recording.
- 3) Payroll – recordkeeping, preparation and distribution.
- 4) Utilities – billing, collecting, depositing and posting.
- 5) Financial reporting – preparing and reconciling.
- 6) Journal entries – preparing and journalizing.

Recommendation – I realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff, including elected officials. Independent reviews of reconciliations should be evidenced by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

- (B) Disbursements – For 1 of 30 disbursements tested the transaction was not listed in the Board minutes. For 3 of 30 disbursements tested the amount listed in the Board minutes did not match the check amount.

Recommendations – The City should ensure all disbursements are listed with the correct amounts in the Board minutes to be approved. The City may benefit from different software to more accurately compile financial information.

- (C) Utility Billings Collections – The City did prepare prenumbered receipts for utility billing collections, but did not prepare deposit slips to verify individual utility bills on the bank statements.

Recommendation – The City should prepare deposit slips for all collections to be shown on the bank statement so individual deposits can be verified.

- (D) Certified Budget – Disbursement during the year ended June 30, 2020 exceeded the amounts budgeted in the proprietary function. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa States, in part, “Public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation.”

Recommendation – The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.